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SUBJECT: FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION

REF: A. DACCA 3361 B. STATE 189752

DURING EMBOFF'S CALL SEPTEMBER 13 ON BDG FOOD SECRETARY
A.M. KHAN, SECRETARY VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING UPDATED
SUMMARY OF FOOD DEVELOPMENTS.

1. OF ESTIMATED PRE-FLOOD RATION SHOP FOOD REQUIREMENT
OF 1.7 MILLION TONS IN 1974-75, BDG HAS SO FAR "SECURED"
900,000 TONS. THIS IS COMPOSED 700,000 OF COMMERCIALY
AND CONCESSIONALLY FINANCED IMPORTS (UNDIFFERENTIATED,
BUT INCLUDING 100,000 TONS 1ST QUARTER PL 480 WHEAT),
AND 200,000 TONS OF ANTICIPATED LOCAL
PROCUREMENT (A FIGURE KHAN ADMITTED IS OPTIMISTIC).
THUS THE PRE-FLOOD GAP IS 800,000 TONS PLUS ANY SHORT-
FALL IN LOCAL PROCUREMENT GOAL.

2. BDG ESTIMATE OF CROPS DESTROYED BY FLOOD STILL
STANDS AT 1.1 MILLION TONS. HOWEVER, THROUGH REDUCTION
OF HOPED-FOR CONTINGENCY RESERVE, THIS FIGURE CAN BE
REDUCED TO 750,000 TONS. COUNTING FLOOD RELATED AID

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OF ROUGHLY 100,000 TONS FROM OTHER DONORS, 50,000 TONS

OF RICE FROM US AND HOPED FOR ADDITIONAL 100,000 TONS

OF WHEAT FROM UFFN REMAINING FLOOJ-RELATED REQUIREMENT

STADNS AT 500,000 TONS.

3. IN ADDITION TO HIS INABILITY TO SEE WHERE COMBINED GAP OF AT LEAST 1.3 MILLION TONS OUTLINED ABOVE WILL COME FROM, KHAN IS PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT OCTOBER-NOVEMBER PERIOD. ONLY FIRM ARRIVAL SCHEDULED IN SEPTEMBER IS 20,000 TONS OF COMMERCIAL WHEAT FROM AUSTRALIA. (FYI - OUR LATEST CALCULATION IS 28,000 TONS. END FYI) KHAN ASSERTED THAT CURRENT BDG STOCKS FOR RATION SYSTEM WILL NOT LAST MUCH BEYOND THE END OF SEPTEMBER. THUS KHAN RENEWED REQUEST THAT USG ATTEMPT TO DIVERT TO BANGLADESH GRAIN DESTINED ELSEWHERE BUT ALREADY ON HIGH SEAS. EMBOFFS AGREED TO TRANSMIT THIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON, BUT HELD OUT NO HOPE THAT IT COULD BE WORKED OUT, CITING LEGAL AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES IN DIVERTING COMMERCIAL WHEAT (REF B), ABSENCE OF PL 480 AGREEMENT WITH NEIGHBORING NATION, ETC.

4. AT CONCLUSION OF CALL, KHAN READ EMBOFFS CLASSIFIED REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PATUAKHALI DISTRICT INDICATING THAT 90 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE HAVE NO FOOD OF THEIR OWN AND CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY GOING MARKET PRICE FOR RICE OF 200 TAKA PER MAUND. REPORT CONCLUDES THAT UNLESS SITUATION IS REMEDIED, MANY WILL DIE OF STARVATION.
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